

REMARKS

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-37 are pending.

Claims 1, 3, 11, 14 and 32 are amended.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action dated February 8, 2008 (hereinafter "the Office Action") Claims 32 and 33 were objected to be improper multiple dependent form. Applicants have amended Claim 32 to be dependant from Claim 29, and this objection is now believed to be overcome.

Claim Rejections

In the Office Action, Claims 1-31 and 34-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner states that there is no antecedent basis for "the maximum load" in Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-32 and 34-37. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to read "a maximum load", and this rejection is now believed to be overcome.

Objections to the Specification

In the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to because drawing numerals 11 and 12 in figure 1 are not found in the specification. By this Amendment, the specification at page 4, line 11 has been amended to include the description of drawing numeral 11 to be "polymer electrolyte membrane" and drawing numeral 12 to be "electrodes" as shown in figure 1. This objection is now believed to be overcome.

Other amendments

In addition to the points noted by the Examiner, this application has been amended for the following reasons. On page 4, line 31, the spelling of the word "torgue" has been corrected. In claim 3, the spelling of the word "cycliing" has been corrected. In claim 14, the semi-colon at the end of the claim has been replaced by a period.

Other Outstanding Issues

In the Office Action Summary, box (10) is checked but it is not clear whether the drawings filed on March 10, 2005 have been accepted or objected to by the Examiner. Clarification of this point is requested.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1 – 31 and 34 – 37 is gratefully acknowledged. In light of the above, allowance of claims 1 – 37 of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

There should be no fee due in association with the filing of this response. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully submitted,

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